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**PETITION TO MAKE  
SPECIAL UNDER 37  
C.F.R. § 1.102(d)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)**

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to Make Special the above-referenced patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) on grounds of infringement. See M.P.E.P. § 708.02. The petition fee of \$130.00, as specified by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.102(d) and 1.17(h), is submitted herewith. Please credit or debit any excess or deficiency in this payment amount to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, the following statement is provided in support of this Petition to Make Special.

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**STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF PETITION**

The following statements are presented to the Commissioner in support of the present Petition to Make Special:

- Applicants have discovered that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- A rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in Applicants' counsel's opinion, some of the claims of the above-referenced patent application are unquestionably infringed; and,
- Applicants' counsel has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

Applicants have submitted copies of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter of the claims in an Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith. Additional information regarding the above statements will be made available to the Commissioner upon request.

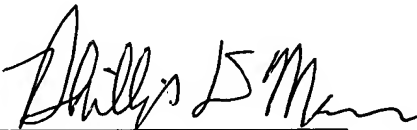
**CONCLUSION**

Consideration and granting of this Petition to Make Special are earnestly solicited. If the Petition or the Statements in support thereof are deficient in any manner, the Commissioner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative in order to

correct or clarify any points or obtain any information deemed necessary to the advancement of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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